January Produce Pick

Spinach



Spinach is a versatile vegetable

• It is in season in DC from January-June and again September-December.

Spinach is believed to be of Persian origin and was introduced into Europe in the 15th century.

 It was not introduced in the United States until early 19th century.

Spinach can be eaten raw or cooked.

- When raw, spinach is tasty in salads, sandwiches, or wraps.
- Steaming, boiling, sautéing or adding spinach to a stir-fry are great options.
- You can also add spinach to soups, lasagna or veggie dishes!

Spinach is part of the dark leafy green family.

• Three common varieties of spinach include Flat or smooth leaf spinach, Savoy spinach, and Semi-savoy spinach. All healthy, delicious choices!

Spinach is higher in iron, calcium, and vitamins than most other leafy greens

• It is also one of the best sources of vitamin A, vitamin C, and Folate.



For more information about the <u>Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program</u>, contact Brooke Wheeler.





